

**Faculty Senate Talking Points: May 4, 2020-21 meeting #29 and 2021-22 meeting #2**

- This was the last meeting for Senate 2020-2021. Faculty Senate Leadership thanks everyone for their support.
- Sean Quinlan, Suzi Ball, Ann Abbott, and Gateway student Ryan Pipal spoke to Senate about the current status of the Gateway student support program.
- COVID testing update: 2.64% of the 454 tests done last week were positive.
- Senate provided feedback on three potential emergency policies regarding: 1) External review for extension faculty; 2) Exemption from external review requirements for non-tenure track faculty with 5% or less of scholarly and creative activity; and 3) Withdrawal credits.
- The 2021-2022 Senate elected their leadership : Russ Meeuf (Chair) and Alistair Smith (Vice Chair). Congratulations, Russ and Alistair!
- Thanks to Barb Kirchmeier for her great leadership during a very challenging year!!
- **Important reminders:**
  - CETL's 2021 Celebration of Collaboration is Thursday, May 6 from 3:00-5:00pm.
  - The deadline to apply for Vandal Ideas Projects (VIP) funds is May 13. RFP details are available here: <https://www.uidaho.edu/research/faculty/find-funding/internal-funding/vandal-ideas-project>.
  - The State of the University Address will be available for viewing on the U of I website on May 6, at 2pm. A Q&A session for faculty, staff, and students will follow on Monday, May 10, at 3pm.

All Faculty Senate agendas (including attachments and supporting documents) and meeting minutes are made available on the new Senate webpage: <https://www.uidaho.edu/governance>

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